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CHINESE INTERNAL TAXATION OF FOREIGN IMPORTS.

A KINCHON PROTEST BY THE HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
 H. M. Consul, Canton, 19th April 1898.
 Sir—In reply to your letter of the 11th instant I beg to state that I am not aware that any change is about to be made in the mode of collecting them in this province; that is, any change that will substitute regularity and uniformity for the present confusion and uncertainty. The Kin authorities are trying to make their operations less open to objection by changing the name of the tax; they believe that foreign Powers will say nothing against a destination tax (see-11) so that what was formerly called a tax is now called a destination tax, and as such is practicable, it is being collected at destination.

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